

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, October 17, 2005 at 4:30pm at the the Riverside Skating Center.

Present at said meeting were Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Leon Trachtman, Garnet Peck, Nancy Offutt, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the Department. Council members Gil Satterly and Ann Hunt were present. Absent were Council member Gerry Keen and Parks staff Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, and Brian Tunis.

Paula convened the Board at 4:35 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 19 meeting. Mike motioned the minutes be approved as presented. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Joe noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Noted there were additional copies of the “Wednesdays in the Wild” program fliers for those that did not receive a copy.

Assistant Superintendent –

N/A

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Noted inspections are available.
- Preparing for the ice season.
- Started winterizing the pool.
- RenoSys Corporation is currently installing the new vinyl liner at the swimming pool.
- Dubois shelter was completed.
- Additional benches have been installed along the trail system.
- Routine grounds maintenance.

Recreation –

N/A

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- The registration total for the fall session as of today is 1,026, a 25.6% decrease from last year's October registration total of 1,380.
- WALLA classes began today and will meet Monday through Thursday for the next four weeks. They have 101 people enrolled in one of the classes – America's First Ladies. Our parking lot has been full. We are encouraging use of the West Lafayette Library Parking Garage.
- The Tippecanoe County Health Department is offering a flu clinic at Morton for high-risk people on Friday, October 22, 9 am – noon. The flu shots are \$15 or free if people have Medicare Part B coverage.
- I attended the Red Cross training this month and have been recertified in Adult, Child and Infant CPR along with first aid. Our building caretaker is scheduled to receive her training later this month.
- C.J. Fang's art students are exhibiting their work in Room 106 at Morton this month.
- Tipp-C Magazine published an article in last month's issue that included a lot of information about Morton's classes.

Beautification & Stewardship – Lee reported in Brian's absence on the following:

- Planted additional landscaping at new Police Station parking lot.
- Preparing to plant 105 trees for the Kalberer Road Project.
- Installed new landscaping in Tapawingo Park.
- Tree planting volunteer workday on Saturday, Oct. 22 with two groups.
- Removed dead trees along Cumberland Ave. and at Wabash pond.
- Helped plan contract tree removal from Lincoln Park.
- Assisting the Tree Fund with street tree pruning.

Riverside Skating Center Report

Sue thanked everyone for attending the Park Board meeting this month. She reported the rink is scheduled to open for the ice season the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25, weather permitting. We have had successful seasons in the past and anticipate following the same format concerning passes and schedules. The maintenance staff has removed, sanded, and repainted all of the rails. An employee callout is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, October 19. At this point, we are expecting twelve returning staff members, with some of those returning to their third season with the department. Job openings have been posted on the Purdue and Ivy Tech job boards. We have had an active spring and summer this year with different rentals for the facility, with some of those rentals being repeat rentals.

Joe noted Eli Lilly & Company has expressed interest in use of the facility for a company day next year in conjunction with Riverfest.

Old Business

Sigma Chi Contract

Brenda presented the contract to enter into agreement with Sigma Chi Fraternity for the provision of coaches and referees for the 5th & 6th grade basketball program. Leon motioned to approve the contract as presented. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Generator for T-Mobile at Lommel Park

Joe provided an update pertaining to the placement of a generator for T-Mobile at Lommel Park. An agreement has been reached. It was determined the noise from the generator running during its twenty to thirty minute period once a week will be quieter than other activities that take place in the park. T-Mobile will also contribute \$1000.00 for some landscaping to help screen the water tower fence and cellular equipment.

New Business

Silent Auction Request

Joe noted the silent auction request sent in the Park Board mailing packet pertaining to the donation of skating passes to the Riverside Skating Center from the Jefferson H.S. Music Department. We also have received an open-ended request for another silent auction for skating passes to help benefit a boy in Lafayette named James, for an unknown wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Due to the various requests received periodically, the board discussed setting a more defined number of passes issued for such requests. The consensus of the Board was to offer a quantity of four passes good for admission and skate rental, for use after Jan. 1 of the current season, or four passes for public swim admission to the pool, as

appropriate. If a request comes in for something other than the four passes, the board recommended such requests be at the Superintendent's discretion. Joe noted we would develop a guideline to use for the open-ended requests. Also noted, we would report to the Board the various organizations requesting passes. Mike motioned to approve the requests using the new recommended donation of four free passes for the skating rink or the pool by organizations judged appropriate by staff, primarily non-profit. Skating passes validation period will be January 1 to the end of the current season. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board

Nancy reported construction of the band room continues, with an expected completion by the beginning of the second semester. Three Board members, three administrators, and twelve teachers attended an International Baccalaureate Orientation Conference to learn more about the program and its benefits. At this time, it is being considered initially, at the high school level, with the possibility of later adding it for the primary and middle school years. The School Board and the Finance Committee continue to work on establishing an education foundation to help support the school. If established, the foundation would be titled the West Lafayette School Education Foundation. A work session is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 19, noon-5:00p at the The Loeb House Inn, a Bed & Breakfast, at 708 Cincinnati St., Lafayette, to discuss how the foundation would work, and possible fundraisers for the foundation.

Wabash River

Paula reported the Wabash River Parkway Commission met last Thursday. Stan Lambert, the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation director, was there. Joe, Rachel, and I have worked a little on the Scenic Byway; Stan will now be in charge of the project. This would be only the second state scenic byway. The only other scenic byway is the Ohio River Scenic Byway. Stan will finish a few things, with submission to be before the end of the year. The Vision 20/20 committee that worked on this will have a wrap-up meeting to inform everyone of the information which was submitted.

Riverfest had a report that covered generally how people thought the event went, and if people were pleased with it. As discussed last month, there are some funds available, which may be used to help increase community awareness. One item discussed to help enlarge Riverfest, was to have an awards ceremony for the various projects at the opening of the event and possibly a blessing of the canoes. A run/walk family activity in the morning on the Wabash Heritage Trail was also an idea discussed. They are looking for a running group that might be interested in co-sponsoring an event. They have also been thinking about developing a badge for possible group or scout projects that would help promote awareness and knowledge about the Wabash River. An overnight canoe trip has been an idea discussed, as well. The group would appreciate any thoughts about a badge program or a running club that might be interested in involvement with the event.

Joe noted his work with the LA416 Urban Design class at Purdue. The past two weeks have involved approximately six hours of time in helping with putting the presentation together, which will go before the entire Wabash River Enhancement Corporation Board this coming Wednesday evening. There will be two public presentations given, as well.

Others

Tapawingo Park

Pavement patching in the parking lot has been scheduled for tomorrow. Pavement work will also be done along the new curb work on the north side of Brown St., as the entry corridor to the Overlook and the park is completed. The parking lot will be re-stripped. In addition to the new sod work and landscaping mounds, we are adding two climbing boulders to the playground.

There will also be a contract with Bennett's for the installation landscaping along Brown St. and Tapawingo Park. We anticipate completion by the time Riverside Skating Center opens for the season.

Trailside Park near Wabash Pond

We are also completing the fence work around the trailside park at the Wabash Heritage Trail at Wabash Pond. Within the next couple of days, there will be additional clean-up work and planting areas installed. By the spring of next year, the area should be completed.

NRO Budget

Joe discussed the 2006 NRO budget handout distributed. The board was informed it was for informational purposes only this month. We will ask for approval at next month's meeting.

Joe also reported that the Redevelopment Commission meeting was today and they approved proceeding with funds remaining from the Northwest Greenway Trail extension, Cumberland/Kent piece, for use for the extension at Sagamore Centre connecting with Westminster.

Paula asked if a report from the Farmer's Market was expected. Joe thought Larry Oates would be happy to report once the market ended, and he will contact him for a report.

Purchase Orders

N/A

Pay Claims

Leon motioned for claims to be paid. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary